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## RANDOM REMARKS ABOUT NATAL

In my letters I have mentioned "tin shanties," "iron houses" and the like, very often. This ought to be explained. A ditte. Lumber is scarce and expensive in South Africa. Practically all of it comes from Australia, Oregon, Canada, and Norway. This is a land of grass-void; native trees are for the most part poor timber.

But galvanized corrugated iron, made in England, is plentiful and cheap. It comes in sheets three by six to eleven feet. Under the name of "zinc" or "tin" it is a favorite African building material. It was to be had as low as fourpence (8 cents) a square foot until the war began. Practically all the roofs of South African, town and country alike, are made of this stuff. That is its only substitute. They use it for sides of buildings, for retaining-walls, etc., etc. In building with it, a wooden frame is erected, with up to four feet between timbers, and the iron is nailed onto this. They fasten it with 3-inch screws, driven in like nails. Of course a hole must be punched for each screw. The use of the screw is to make it easy to take off the iron. The corrugations make the iron, 1-6 inch thick, so stiff that a 200-lb. man can walk on a roof made of it nailed to pulleys 5 feet apart. Of course they put the screws in on the ridges, not the hollows, so that the stuff makes a watertight roof or wall. Material for gables, gutters, etc., comes, and is standardized.

Our barns at Ammanzimoti are made of this stuff. All our roofs, save that on Mr. Gray's at Plunkote on Mr. Lelloy's house, and Ammanzimoti, the station, sheds, hotel, store, cottages, bathing-houses, and boat-houses are all built of this stuff. At Umkomas, a resort down the coast, the same is true. Of course an iron house is very hot, so they line them, with plaster, tin boards, or fibrous bricks. When well painted, the iron buildings are not very ugly; usually they are left unpainted or daubed with a dull red.

The paraffin tin is another African institution. Kerosene—here called paraffin—and gasoline—here called petrol—are imported in tin about 10 by 10 by 14 inches, square in the base. Each holds 5 American or 4 1/4 British Imperial gallons. No oil comes in bulk. These tins are made up in America, by Standard Oil and other firms.

The empty paraffin tin is the great container here. The tin is cut out of it, the raw edges hammered down, a stick put across and nailed to each side—and presto—a pail! For milking these are our regular pails at the Ammanzimoti Institute. All over Natal these are the usual natives' pails—and white people's pails, too. A Hindu will be seen, bringing water from a stream in two paraffin tins, on the two ends of a bamboo over his shoulder.

The paraffin tin, cut into two parts, is universal as a flower pot. For raising tomatoes, cucumbers, tree seedlings, etc., we cut it in half lengthwise. Two pointed plants we cut it across. I use one as a trash-basket in my room. Mr. Ostermann uses one for a wash-pitcher and one for a slopjar. For a long time I used two instead of a wash-pail. I have seen natives boil mealie porridge in them. And so the list goes on. At Therville Junction, on the Natal Main Line, I saw a stack of 600 paraffin tins, stored in an iron shed. South Africa is apt to be a little bit of everything.

I might add that kerosene in America and gasoline in Britain are sold in gallons in British or American cans. The latter thing that I wish to mention in this letter is the people of Natal. We have four kinds of people here: British, Dutch, Zulus, and Boers.

The natives, or Zulus, are much like our negroes at home. As a rule, they are brown rather than black. They are not a tall people, but well built and usually quite handsome. Their faces are often not negro-like, but more like that of a Turk or a Hindu. The women are decidedly short, and often quite fat.

The Zulus were, previous to the arrival of white men, the chief military power of South Africa. Under the name, the "Black Napoleon," they dominated all of eastern South Africa for eighty years ago. They were then living in savagery. Many, who are heathens, still go about half-naked. The civilized natives dress like Europeans, and are in no way less advanced than the negroes of America. The Zulu language is still spoken by all of these, but more and more are learning to speak English.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.**  
Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday, "Things in which to glory." Topic at the evening service, "Messages from the Birds; Lessons of Happiness."

At the morning service last Sunday the church was very tastefully decorated with the National colors and flowers, partly in preparation for the patriotic service of the evening. There was a large audience present and the choir gave a fine selection of music in choruses and solos. The sermon held the close attention of the audience from the beginning to the end.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet Thursday afternoon, April 19, at the home of Mrs. Horace Andrews. All members are urged to be present as this is the annual meeting. Reports of the Conference and the Waterville Jubilee meeting will be given. All women are welcome.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Ella Clark, Thursday afternoon.

Rev. H. S. Truman, the newly appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be present to take charge on Sunday, April 29th. The former pastor will supply the pulpit next Sunday the 22nd.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**  
There was a large attendance from our society at the patriotic meeting last Sunday evening which was much enjoyed by all.

Goodly numbers of our people are joining the Red Cross campaign. The subject of the sermon next Sunday will be, "The Good Fight." Mr. Wright will lead the choir.

Prof. Hanson will lead the Christian Endeavor service next Sunday evening.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

All Scouts who have not passed to second class are invited to the patronage, Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Notice has been received of the District Sunday School Convention to be held at Oxford, May 1. It is hoped that there will be a large delegation from our three churches.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**  
All schools in the district are in session except that on Howe Hill, which will begin Monday, April 23.

Many boys and girls have signified their intention of engaging in agricultural club projects this year.

The regular meeting of the Bethel Parent Teacher Association will be held Wednesday evening, April 19th. The principal topics for discussion are "School and Home Gardens," and "Agricultural Club Projects."

Speak English properly.

The coles or Indians are mainly indentured laborers, imported to work on the sugar plantations. The Zulus are not good wage-slaves; they are too independent to make good material for exploitation. The Indian, a "coolie," was imported. The coolies put together in unventilated barracks, they work hard for starvation wages. They have gotten into their heads the country stores, and make big profits out of selling shabby stuff to the natives.

The Brothers of Natal are more British than those in England. The Zulus, born here, are most British of all.

In the northern part of Natal there are many Dutch; this district was part of the Transvaal republic before the war. Many of course the Dutch are still, like our South up to recently, "unconquered" and not specially patriotic as regards the British Empire. The Dutch are all the time trying to make more slaves of the natives. In fact, the Great Trek of the Dutch from Cape Colony after 1820 was largely caused by the fact that the British government freed their indentured slaves.

In Natal's million people are: white or "Europeans," one tenth Indians, and the rest Zulus, or as they call themselves, Amazulu.

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## GOULD'S ACADEMY

Miss Maude Howard spent the week end at her home in Lewiston.

Miss Nellie Whitman spent the week end at her home in South Paris.

"What Easter Means to You," was the subject of the Y. W. C. A. meeting of last week.

Mr. Josiah W. Taylor, State Inspector of High Schools, visited schools, Tuesday, April 10.

The first baseball game of the season will be played at Mechanic Falls, Saturday, April 21.

About twelve dollars was added to the Makonkey Fund as a result of the entertainment of last Thursday evening.

Chester Howe spent the week end at his home in Hanover. During his absence Mr. Small did the janitor work at Holden Hall.

Among those who visited school this week were: Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Mrs. B. W. Kimball, Mr. Francis D. Mills and Mr. John D. Eagle.

Three boys from the Academy, Elwin Wilson, Herbert Bean and Vivian Hattis have enlisted in the army, joining Company D of Norway.

**UNION TEMPERANCE PATRIOTIC MEETING.**  
A Union Temperance Patriotic meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and the W. B. C. was held in the Universalist church last Sunday evening. The church was elaborately decorated by Mrs. Anna French, who has the unprecedented record of twenty years service in decorating this church, and she was ably assisted by Miss Mona Martyn. Flags, bunting and cut flowers gave a most patriotic air to the auditorium.

Mrs. Nellie Curtis, Vice President of the W. C. T. U., presided by the urgent invitation of the President, Mrs. MacGowan. The music was rendered by a chorus from the Universalist church under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Edwards. The congregation joined heartily in the patriotic hymns, and solos, a trio and a chorus called much to the interest of the meeting. Reading of Scripture was by Rev. W. C. Curtis and prayer by Rev. J. H. Little.

Mrs. Curtis opened the regular program by calling attention to the fact that temperance and patriotism were allied and that the W. C. T. U. had a department of Christian citizenship, training the young men and women to the true love of country, also was the first and foremost advocate of the abolition of the canten in the Army and Navy and spoke of the work done for our soldiers up to the present time and now with this great opportunity it accepts its sacred trust with a renewed pledge to serve its country in all ways opened by the war.

Rev. Mr. Curtis spoke upon the "War," "Crusade of Prohibition in the West," "The Proletariat of Calamity," "The Value of the Flag" was given by the W. B. C. with the color bearers grouped in a tableau while the choir and congregation arose and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Rev. J. H. Little gave an address, "The Flag," as only a veteran of the Civil War can speak. After the singing of "America" an organ solo followed with brief remarks by Messrs. Upson, Fred A. Tibbitts, J. H. Hattis, N. R. Springer, P. E. Hanson, E. C. Park, George Herick and Mrs. McGowan, through all of which breathed the spirit of true patriotism and loyalty which stirred the hearts of every one, and when the presiding officer called for an expression for willingness to serve in any capacity the rattle and bugle again. A generous offering was given for the Red Cross and Irving Tassers reported a recent call to the Red Cross House in Portland and explained the work of the Red Cross and duties of its officers. A committee was informally chosen and an auxiliary will be formed here as soon as possible. Mr. Farver had the pleasure of receiving thirty also names for membership up to noon Monday.

The meeting was very thoroughly enthusiastic and patriotic and perhaps a touch of pathos and supererogatory was added as each one thought of "our young men" who went out from our Academy and places of business early last Friday and a hearty God speed called up from every heart.

R. W. C.

## GRANGE NEWS

**ALDER RIVER GRANGE.**  
This Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, April 11. Present, officers: Mrs. Rose B. Jett, Lecturer; Miss Elva Fuller, Chaplain; Miss Ethel Cole, Secretary; Willis Bartlett, Gate Keeper. It was voted that the dues to the State Grange be five cents per quarter instead of four as at present. Literary program: Clippings by members; Reading program for the next meeting by the W. Lecturer. Suggestions for the good of the order by W. Master Guy Bartlett.

**LONE MT. GRANGE.**  
Lone Mt. Grange, No. 131, held its regular meeting, Saturday, April 14, with about the usual number in attendance, and a baked bean and pastry dinner in the P. M. The following program was carried out:

Grange  
Spring plans, opened by L. H. Hall  
Reading, Mrs. P. W. Learned  
Song, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marston, Arthur Marston.  
Mrs. O. A. Burgess  
Reading, Mrs. C. A. Burgess  
Question: "Does it pay to raise pork at the present price of feed? Give reasons." Opened by W. W. Perkins  
Music, William Small  
Force in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marston.

**CANTON GRANGE.**  
Educational day was observed at Canton Grange, Saturday, the afternoon meeting being open to the public. The program consisted of singing, "Old Glory," by all; exercises by the primary school; song, Volva Bicknell and Victoria Small; exercise by children; recitation, Jennie Bicknell; play song by children. The speaker of the day was W. J. Thompson, the State Master, who gave a fine talk on the public safety question singing "America" by all following. A paper, "Some of the needs of our common schools," by L. Wadlin. Prin. D. B. Partridge spoke on some of the needs of our high school. Remarks by the school teachers were then made. The topic, "The Definition of the word Education," was discussed by Prin. D. B. Partridge, worthy Master and worthy lecturers. Closing song by all. The hall was appropriately decorated with the stars and stripes.

**BEAR RIVER GRANGE.**  
A very interesting meeting was held Saturday evening, April 14. Officers present: Chaplain, Flora, Treas, state lecturer. Voted to renew the subscription of the National Grange Monthly for the three leading officers: Master, Lecturer and Secretary. The circulating library having arrived, each member had the privilege of taking out books, on payment of 10 cents for six months. Voted to have the Super-Est, Friday evening, April 20, the same committees standing. The following program was given:

Song, Ferol Brink  
Reading from the National Grange Monthly, Adie Saunders  
Song, encore, Worthy Master and wife  
Readings of the Lecturer's Calendar, encore by the Lecturer.  
Song, encore, L. E. Wright, P. O. Brink  
Suggestions for the good of the order by several members.  
On account of the present crisis with Germany the program contained most to war selections. There were twenty-three members present.

**NORWAY GRANGE.**  
Norway Grange met in regular session, April 14. The meeting was called to order at 11 A. M. by Worthy Master Richardson. Officers pro tem for a short time were Overseer, Clarence Hink; Steward, A. T. Crocker; Lady Assistant, Mrs. Russell. Opening exercises were followed by lectures, Commemorative verses read from E. H. L. by Mrs. Secretary Maude State Grange, and Harold S. Pike, Lecturer of Oxford. Candidates were then balloted on and ten were elected to membership, with several applications to act upon. During the absence of Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Edgar Dunn acted as assistant steward. The Worthy Master gave notice that a Farmers' Union meeting would be held in the Grange Hall on April 21 at 1:30 P. M. A recess was declared. A picnic dance followed. At 1 o'clock the dinner fell and the time was given to the contest program presented by Captains Abbott and Jackson as follows:  
Capt. Abbott  
Mother Maine's Receipts.

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## BETHEL INN

**Happenings of the Week**

Mr. Walter G. Brown of Providence, R. I., has been a guest at Bethel Inn the past week.

We are pleased to say that Mrs. Leon H. Gilley has returned to the Inn for a short stay previous to her going to her summer home at Maplewood, N. H.

Mr. W. J. Upson has once more made his appearance on the road, enjoying his favorite exercise on his beautiful Kentucky horse, accompanied on his trips by his faithful Aikale, Timber Tupper.

Prospects for business at Bethel Inn for the coming season are unusually bright, a great many inquiries have already been received, which, coming at this time of the year, is a very good indication.

Miss M. H. Sisk of Portland is at Bethel Inn for an indefinite stay. Her brother, Mr. R. A. Sisk, of Portland spent the week end with her. Both thoroughly enjoyed the Inn and the beautiful views about Bethel.

On Sunday Mr. S. N. Blackwood arrived to take the management of Bethel Inn for the summer. Mr. Blackwood has just returned from Jamaica where he has managed the Titfield for a number of seasons. He was also manager of the Tulleries, Commonwealth Ave., Boston, and associate manager of the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass.

**CHAPMAN-EVERETT.**  
There was a quiet wedding at the home of John E. Everett in South Paris at high noon, Wednesday, April 11, when his daughter, Miss Lena Kimball Everett, became the wife of Philip B. Chapman of Bethel. There were present only the immediate families of the bride and groom. The decorations were of cut flowers and ferns.

Rev. G. H. Newton performed the ceremony, using the single ring service. The couple were united in dark blue trimmed with white, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridegroom was in conventional black.

The bride is a graduate of Paris High School in the class of 1916. She is a member of the South Paris Baptist church and of Hamlin Temple, Bethel, and has many friends. Mr. Chapman is the son of Jotham Chapman of Bethel, and is a painter and paper hanger by occupation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman left on the afternoon train for Portland, and after a short trip will reside at Bethel, where they will be at home after May 1st.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.**  
The Committee on Public Safety for Bethel has been appointed as follows: Vigilance and Welfare, E. M. Walker; Recruiting, F. B. Merrill; Agriculture and Home Gardening, Frank A. Brown; Home Guard, Fred A. Tibbitts; Transportation, A. Van Den Kerkhoven; Provision, W. C. Bryant; Aid Societies, D. G. Lovejoy; Protection of Public Utilities, Hon. H. H. Hastings.

This committee met on Monday afternoon and organized with E. M. Walker as chairman and F. B. Merrill as secretary. A little later sub-committees will be appointed and work laid out as the occasion may require.

**NOTICE.**  
Thursday, April 19, being a legal holiday, the stores of Bethel Village will be closed all day.

**NOTICE.**  
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## The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

HERE IT IS SPRING-TIME AGAIN!

Everything in the Whole House Needs A Spring Tonic, An Airing and A "Clarification."

Turn A Hawk in The Farmers Wife. Everyone who has read Uncle Tom's Cabin remembers how, every once or twice a year, Aunt Dinah had a "clarification" up time. It was then that every part of her kitchen was overhauled and made spick and span. It was then that all the little negroes of the plantation kept themselves well out of reach of Aunt Dinah's hand. They knew full well that her disposition was not apt to be at its best when she was so busy with her "clarification."

Here it is springtime again and everything in the whole house needs a spring tonic and an airing. "Clarification up time" is upon us but by planning and preparing a little the time will come and pass and neither spoil our dispositions nor break up the family circle.

In the first place, we will look over the battlefield and plan the attack just as any good general does. Then we will lay in our ammunition and supplies, clothe our army and equip our mess kitchen, and some sunny morning, the dusty, stuffy old enemy will suffer the most surprising attack it has had since a year ago.

The ammunition and supplies consist of soap, soft water, wall covering, commercial cleansers (either in the powdered form or in the can), varnish, floor wax, furniture polish, plenty of old soft cloths, brushes, two good pails; one a galvanized pail with a good bail, that will not be too heavy to carry up and down stairs or up and down the step-ladder; the other a wooden or heavy galvanized pail. This second one is to hold another piece of equipment, namely, the mop wringer.

We must have a step-ladder, or better yet, a step-ladder and kitchen stool combination, for we can use the combination piece every day in the whole year.

If we live near a town where a vacuum cleaner can be rented, for possibly we do not feel just able to own one yet, we will make arrangements with the dealer to rent a good vacuum cleaner for one day and at about the same time, we must make arrangements with Father or one of the hired men to operate it until every rug and mattress and hanging in the house has had a thorough cleaning.

If the cleaner is of a type that can be operated by the gasoline engine that pumps the water, shells the corn, grinds the feed, elevates the grain, operates the milking machine and does most of the hard work for Father and his men, maybe we can have it help for an hour or two to work the vacuum cleaner. At any rate, there is a possibility worth experimenting on. If we cannot have the engine or the cleaner, either one, we will be sure that we have a good substantial rug beater, one that has no broken or loose wires and that does not slip out of its handle.

The next preparatory movement will be to stock up the mess kitchen because when this "clarification" battle starts we prefer not to hang up the flag of truce while we betake us to the kitchen and spend good fighting time in cooking dishes that require hours of preparation.

One of the old standbys in the army's diet is beans so we will bake a big pot-

ful and have them nice and brown. We will have some cookies baked for the children's dinner basket and some apples and oranges for everybody. There will be a supply of bread baked up, for this battle may last a week or even longer if the house is large or the attacking force not very strong.

Besides bread there may be baked a fine large pan of gingerbread that is as good as any frosted layer cake ever made and if it is kept in a tin box or an old wash boiler in the cellar, it will keep most until the last crumb is gone. We will just bake it in one of the dripping pans that will hold the usual receipt doubled so we will be sure it lasts. Oh yes, maybe some will tire of gingerbread a little but no one should expect a peace diet in times of war!

A nice lot of smooth potatoes will be washed, already to bake or to boil in their jackets, and a big tender roast of meat all ready cooked to slice cold will be all that needs be prepared in the meat line if we have a generous slab of army bacon to fall back on toward the end of the siege.

Now, let us look to our uniforms. Of course they must be suited to the occasion and dresses that are being stepped on when going up the step-ladder or up the stairs could hardly be considered exactly suitable. If we are so poor though that we cannot have a special uniform, we will see that the dress is very short and only full enough to allow freedom.

I believe that most of us can have a real housecleaning uniform, for it is only a two-piece affair, consisting of any short sleeved waist and a pair of bloomers. The bloomers are gathered full and fastened with an elastic band just below the knee. They look like a full short skirt but are much more comfortable and convenient.

Or if we do not have bloomers and have not time to make them, we can get a pair of overalls, the kind Father and the boys wear or the styles made especially for women. You know all the women in Europe who are doing war service are dressing in overalls or similar suits and they do it because they find the style of dress better adapted to their work than the skirts they used to wear.

With our ammunition ready, our mess kitchen prepared and our uniforms on, we will first lay siege to the attic or the room at the head of the back stairs that we have been using for a catchall.

You are sure to find such things there as old, broken-down suit cases in which sister brought her soiled laundry home from her summer's vacations, and the hat from last summer or the summer before that looked too good to throw away; also the newspapers and magazines that Father thought he was going to read when he had time, that you know he never will.

You may find, too, several bunches of just-covered rain, that with a new crop already starting, you are certain never to use, and the box that had nuts in it earlier in the winter. All this must be removed to make room for a new supply of the same kind of material.

The greater part of these stored-up treasures will be carried out doors and used as fuel for a bonfire, but might better have served as fuel in heater or furnace on some of the cold winter days now past. The papers, magazines, and old clothes, though, we will not burn, for by putting them into bags or tying in bundles, they may be taken to the junk dealer and turned into cash. Some of the least-worn articles can be given to the superintendent of the poor or to some charitable organization. A few of the old garments may be well worth washing and making into rugs.

With the worthless and semi-worthless stock of goods removed from the attic, we now charge upon the rafters and side walls with our trusty weapons, the broom. Down comes the dust and cobwebs to the floor, to be swept into the dustpan and burned. The last vestige of dirt is removed by a thorough mopping of the floor and the attic windows are left wide open to insure thorough ventilation.

Maybe you are wondering why we began at the top of the house rather than at the bottom. There is method even in the place of attack. If we begin at the top and work down, we will not carry dirt back through a room that has already been cleaned.

Now we will clean the back bedroom and all the other bedrooms before we do anything to the hall. Of course, the bedding all goes out on the line for a day in the sunshine as do all the clothes from the closets. The curtains come down from the windows and do not go back until they have been laundered. The rug will be cleaned with the vacuum cleaner and taken out doors for an airing or it will be taken out doors and turned face down on a grassy spot or hung across the line and beaten.

If the rug is wool again, it may be hung on the line and the hose turned on it. If it is of fair quality, the force of the stream of clear cold water will send the dust and dirt surging away

with the water as it runs off.

And now the dresser, bureau and chiffonier drawers will all be put in order. We empty each drawer, dust it inside and out, put a fresh paper at the bottom and return only such articles as belong there. When the drawers are all in order, the framework of the pieces of furniture to which they belong will be dusted, the mirrors cleaned with a good cleansing powder and the drawers returned. The whole piece may now be given a thorough rubbing with polish or wax, moved into the hall and covered with a cloth until it is returned to the bedroom.

The bedsteads and springs are cleaned in the same manner as the other furnishings unless the springs happen to be of the old coiled spring type, fastened to wooden frames. In this case, take the springs out of doors, lay on sawhorses, blocks of wood or other supports and pour scalding water from the spout of the teakettle into every coil and along every cross bar. Hold the kettle a foot or two high so that the force of the flow will carry the dust away.

If the walls and ceilings are to be papered or redecorated with one of the sanitary new wall coverings, now is the time to do it. Do not clean the floor or woodwork until the walls and ceiling are cleaned, even if they are cleaned only with the vacuum cleaner or wiped well with a cloth. If they are to be wiped, fasten the wiping cloth over the brush part of the broom and wipe with the broom. Change the cloth frequently.

Next clean the windows as the mirrors were cleaned and then clean the woodwork with soap and water, paint or varnish as it may need.

Lastly, clean the floor and return the rug, furniture and clothes. Leave the winter blankets to be washed and put away for next winter's use and make up the beds with cotton blankets or muslin sheets.

After the bedrooms are cleaned, clean the hall and the stairway and then begin at the front of the house downstairs and work toward the kitchen, finishing with the basement.

At no time during the cleaning campaign, will we be found on our hands and knees unless it is to clean under the radiator or to clean out the register. It is a just cause we are fighting for and we will fight it standing erect! Too many good soldiers already have filled early graves because of wasted energy spent on their hands and knees scrubbing floors that might much easier have been kept clean by an upright process.

Does anyone think that this "clarification" siege covers only one day? It is not such an easy victory as that! If we capture one room a day and come out at the end of six or ten or even twelve days, depending on the size of the house, with our health good and our dispositions not too much ruffled, we shall consider ourselves good fighters; and it may be said that housecleaning is not a one-woman battle but rather a whole family affair with the action so keen that every one is glad when it is over and appreciates the clean home to such an extent that for at least three whole days Father and brother John carefully clean their shoes before coming into the kitchen!

**LOOKE'S MILLS.**  
Mrs. E. L. Tebbets of Auburn is a guest of her son, Lester and Charles, for a few days.

Orville Bryant of Portland visited Saturday with his father, Axel Bryant. Roy Brown of Berlin, N. H., called on his mother, Mrs. Clara Brown and other relatives, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ring of Bryant's Pond visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farrington, the week end.

Lester Tebbets was quite painfully injured Thursday in the mill.

Mrs. Fields and daughter, Doris, of West Paris are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crockett were in South Paris the week end.

Mrs. Pike of Norway is visiting her son, Mr. Lizzie Demand.

Gay Swan of Berlin, N. H., visited relatives, Sunday.

Arthur Stowell played for the dance at Bethel, Friday.

**HANOVER.**  
Charles Moore moved his family to Camden, N. H., Monday.

John Brown is working for Martha Bartlett.

Mrs. Ida Dean has recovered from her recent illness and returned to her home on Sunday River last Saturday.

The many friends of Mrs. R. M. Austin will be glad to know that she is able to be about the house again.

Miss Gladys Carter, who taught school here several years ago, has been visiting Mrs. Lena Bartlett.

Mrs. Martha Bartlett recently purchased a span of large work horses. Chester Harris was at home from Ouellet's Academy for the week end.

Ed Rogers, who has been ill for a few days, is able to be out again.

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

## CANTON

Mrs. Geo. Novens of Lewiston has been a guest of her brother, Geo. H. Johnson and family.

Alphonso F. Russell and daughters, Mrs. Lucy Elliott and Ethel W. Russell, attended the funeral of Mrs. Russell's sister, Mrs. Abbie Reed at Mexico.

Miss L. B. Treadwell took for her subject Sunday morning at the United Baptist church, "Colporteur's Work."

In the evening a patriotic missionary concert was held.

O. M. Richardson was at Portland on business, Thursday and Friday.

Frank Romano and family have returned to Canton from Connecticut, where they have spent the winter.

Two candidates were initiated at the meeting of Evergreen Chapter, Tuesday evening, and ice cream, cake and coffee served for refreshments.

W. A. Lucas is again confined to his home by illness and Leander Kilbroth is substituting on the R. P. D. route.

Robert Russell has recovered from his illness.

M. B. Packard has been on a visit to his son, A. M. Packard and family of Dixfield.

Quite a number from Canton attended the Pomona meeting at Buckfield, Wednesday.

Geo. D. Spaulding has purchased Elsie Sampson's stand at Gilbertville and will soon move.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Oliver, Mrs. B. H. Redden and Mrs. J. A. Reynolds attended the funeral of Mrs. Oliver's mother, Mrs. Mary J. (Starbird) Oldham at the home of her son, John Oldham at East Peru, Saturday.

Miss L. B. Treadwell of the United Baptist church of Canton officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Richardson have been in Andover for a few days, looking after the hotel which they recently purchased. It will be called Blummont Inn and will open to the public in the near future.

Mrs. Inez Foye has returned from Southern Pines, N. C., where she has been spending the winter.

S. G. Wheelwright of East Dixfield was greeting friends in town, Saturday.

Memorial exercises were held by Pomona Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening for their deceased brother, Joseph Child.

Mrs. Esther B. Hayford, an aged and esteemed resident of Canton, passed away early Thursday morning after only a few hours illness at the age of

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76 years and six months. Mrs. Hayford was born in Canton, the daughter of James Staples and Polly Brett Staples, and was one of a large family, five of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. Martha married Lewis Bishop and passed away in Minneapolis, Minn. Four others were residents of Canton, namely, Aseneth, who married Charles Barrows; Florrie, wife of Nathan Reynolds; Ansel Staples, and Esther, who was the last of the family to pass away. Mrs. Hayford had spent her entire life in Canton. She married Orlando A. Hayford, who served and was wounded in the Civil War. He served the town as postmaster for several years and was in the apothecary business for a long term of years. He passed away many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hayford had two daughters, who survive, Mrs. Viola Daniels of New York City and Mrs. Jennie Tilley who lived with her mother in Canton. Four grandchildren, Orlando and Mary Daniels and Viola and Earl Tilley. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Mrs. Hayford was a faithful member of the Canton Baptist church. The funeral was held Sunday at the United Baptist church, Miss L. B. Treadwell officiating. The floral offerings were very beautiful and included a lovely wreath from her beloved church. Appropriate music was furnished by a quartet with Miss Marguerite Hollis, organist. The bearers were: S. B. Ellis, Lyman Ellis, John N. Foye and G. L. Wadlin.

The pupils of the Canton high school held a fair, supper, entertainment and social at the Orange Hall, Friday afternoon and evening. The booths were decorated in the class colors. A host of fancy work, a candy booth, doll booth and a mystery package table all did a rushing business and netted a good sum. A delicious supper of baked beans, macaroni, salads and all kinds of pastry was served. A fine entertainment consisting of readings by Prin. Donald B. Partridge; piano solo, Miss Eleanor Westgate; cornet solo, Ansel Ellis; readings, Charles Hollis; readings, Miss Elva Woodward; piano solo, Miss Ora Woodward and Miss Ora Woodward, with chorus by six girls bearing the stars and stripes violin and piano quart, Miss Madeline Hines and Miss Marguerite Hollis. A merry social was held at the close.

Mrs. John Briggs was called to Auburn, Monday, by the news of an accident to Arthur B. Briggs, who fell in

front of his home and broke both bones of his right leg below the knee. His wife has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks and they will both be removed to the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs have many friends in Canton and Hartford, where they were former residents, who are sorry to learn of their misfortune.

An accident occurred to Errol Hodge, Sunday, when in holding a stick on the chopping block for an older brother to cut, his thumb was nearly severed from his hand. A physician was called who administered an anesthetic and dressed the painful wound.

Charlotte Dickson is ill with pneumonia. A large crowd attended the patriotic missionary concert at the United Baptist church, Sunday evening. The church was prettily decorated with potted plants, flags and crepe paper in the national colors. The children all did themselves credit and the concert was much enjoyed by all, although some parts were omitted on account of illness. Miss Marguerite Hollis was organist.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the G. A. R. Hall next Thursday afternoon. No meeting of the Ocean Park Club will be held this week.

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Bills Receivable	\$,112.10
Interest and Rents	\$17,488.15
All other Assets	\$1,132,860.80
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$2,037,103.96</b>

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Net Unpaid Losses, \$896,610.00

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Including Voluntary Reserve, \$18,946.00

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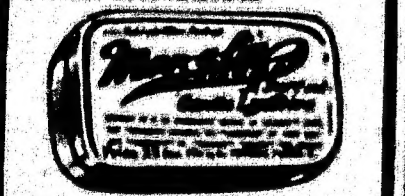
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### ALBANY.

The Ladies' Club met with Mrs. A. J. Andrews, Wednesday. They are reading, "The Precious Path," written by Cecil Chesterton.

The school at Hunt's Corner is to commence April 23. Miss Alta Cummings is to teach.

Mary Givens celebrated her seventh birthday by inviting her little friends to spend Monday afternoon with her. They had a pleasant time playing games and a lovely lunch was served, after which they went up on the hill for a walk and drink of sap.

Mrs. Frances Wardwell is caring for Mrs. Arthur Andrews and baby. Charles and Jack McNally have topped quite a number of trees. Roy Johnson has returned from Auburn where he has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Anna Dean.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Lucy Holt, who has been in a hospital in Boston for treatment, is so much improved in health that she has gone to the home of her sister, Mrs. McVernon.

Mrs. Abel Andrews called on Mrs. Isaac Hunt, recently. Elsie, Helen, Ruth and Beatrice Andrews have been spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey, of North Waterford.

### PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Rumford on the second Tuesday of May, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Charles E. and Martha J. Clowrence of Rumford, executors, second named, presented for allowance by said court, a bill of account.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,

Judge of said Court.

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## BETHEL and Vicinity

Mr. T. F. Hastings was in Berlin, Saturday.

Mr. I. L. Carver was in Portland last week.

Mr. L. A. Hall is spending a few days in Norway.

Lieut. Wilson of Norway was in town last Wednesday.

Miss Mary True was in Portland the first of the week.

Mr. Clifford Merrill has moved his family onto Clark street.

Mr. Ben Sakforth of Portland was in town a few days last week.

The Crochet Club met with Mrs. David Forbes, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Blake was a week end guest of relatives in Milan, N. H.

Messrs. F. A. Tibbotts and E. E. Blaboe were in Portland, Sunday.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn of Portland was a business visitor in town, Saturday.

The Weetatt Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Garey, Thursday P. M.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Mae Godwin, Tuesday afternoon, April 24th.

Mr. Ernest Ham of Norway was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durell.

Mrs. E. C. Park and Miss Annie Hamlin were in Berlin, N. H., last Thursday.

Mr. Henry Bray of Bryant's Pond was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, Tuesday.

Miss Schoenle was called to her home in Cincinnati, Saturday by the death of her mother.

John Swan and son, Marie, went to Locke's Mills, Wednesday, to work for Charles Tibbotts.

Mrs. Ina Martin from West Paris was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Forbes, Tuesday.

Byron Cummings went to Portland, N. H., Tuesday, where he expects to have work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter have returned from Boston and have opened their house for the summer.

Mr. Philip Barker and mother are to occupy the Vira Holt place on Mill Hill about the first of May.

Mr. Harrison of Brooklyn, N. Y., has purchased the Dwight Rose farm on Paradise of Mr. T. B. Burke.

Mrs. Harry Inman and son, Walter, were in Portland, Tuesday, to consult Dr. Abbott in regard to Walter's arm.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and daughter, Vivian, were guests of Mr. Forrest Keene and family at Mechanic Falls, Saturday.

Miss Harriet Andrews, who has been a guest of Miss Mary True the past week, returned to her home in Kansas City, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitney were guests of Mrs. Whitney's sister, Mrs. Hapgood, at Lancaster, N. H., a few days last week.

Mr. A. Morgan and family have moved into the rent just the other side of the T. R. track now owned by Mr. Howard Thorston.

Mr. T. B. Goodwin was in Portland, Saturday, and Miss Annie Frye accompanied him home. Miss Frye's many friends will be glad to hear that she is much improved.

The first "good roads day" of this season was held Monday when Road Commissioners Brown with eighteen others filled up the mud hole in front of Herman Mason's and widened the road at the top of the hill. This hole had been a place of danger for some time and after every rain. The men who assisted are to be congratulated for their public spirit. Their names follow: H. L. Powers with team, Chas. Abbott, O. A. Beck, O. A. Stanley with team, Harold Stanley with team, Chas. Bates, L. C. Bates, Frank Goodwin, Wm. Gustaf, Wm. Ryan, Dana Philbrook, J. H. Carter, Jr., Augustus Carter, Robert Hubbard, Charles Capen, L. F. Bartlett, Frank Abbott, B. W. Kimball.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. Little visited the "Soldier Boys" at Norway this week.

Mr. Cleveland West of Errol, N. H., is visiting relatives in town.

Tuesday, Mr. Little was called to South Paris to attend the funeral of Mr. Doble, who died Saturday morning, aged 77.

Mr. Gard Goddard has enlisted in the hospital corps and will leave for Portland next Monday. Mr. Roserman has secured Mr. A. P. Stevens, a registered druggist, of South Paris as drug clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harlow from Newry Corner were in Bethel, Friday.

Gordon Allen was up from Portland to visit his mother over Sunday.

Mrs. David Lovejoy went to Waterville, Tuesday, for a few days.

Rev. Mr. Little was called to Gilead, Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr. Coffin, aged 91, father of Frank Coffin.

Dr. B. R. Tibbotts was in Portland, N. H., last week where he took his examination for a surgeon in the Navy. He passed with high rank and is now waiting the call to duty.

## Local View, Memorial Day and Birthday

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## RUMFO

Mrs. George Horton Thelma of Waldo at about May 1st for where Mr. Horton has in a machine shop for The vacated house on be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Resd.

Mr. and Mrs. John ceiving congratulations of a daughter. Mrs. only Miss Gladys Clift The Equal Suffrage at the High School o'clock on the evening The program will be On May 25 Mrs. Deberston will deliver an address of the League.

James Kierstead, Worcester for some time turned to town.

Lawyer Ralph T. I. chased an Overland to the C. E. Britton Company. Mr. and Mrs. John moved from the Bears cock street into one of on Gibson Flats.

John Moran, bell boy for, has accepted a ship Captain Barker's hotel. He will assume his duties of May.

Edward Harpe and are in Niagara Falls, gates from the local upper Makers' Convention.

Mrs. Harry Ladd has station as clerk in Main William Mann is visiting Chicago, Ill.

Josie McPhee has a tion in the store of the zio Company.

Mrs. A. L. Stanwood her daughter, Mrs. Har or, in New York City.

Mrs. George Hamlin a few weeks with her D. Guilford, in Lewiston The Rollies Brothers of the Rumford Candy received the sad news of their father at his home of Leavos, Greece. Mr. intended coming to Rum make his home with his

A local branch of the city has been formed Mrs. F. A. Hill is president the Mixer, secretary, Mr. treasurer. The executive includes twenty of the next ladies. The society granted the use of the Commerce rooms in the first gift is a check for from Osgood Eaton Relic

Postmaster McMenam ed orders from the Post not to accept any mail Germany, Austria Hung Key.

The class parts at school have been assign Valdeictory, Dorothy K tory, N. Dennis; class e trum; class oration, A class will, Florence Cor tion of gifts, Arthur John Meehan; address ater, B. Ruff; class hio son; class prophecy, R. L. Meehan; class ode, word music, H. Brennan. cl voted to wear gowns ment, there to be hired fr firms at reasonable rates, rank of the valdeictorian years was 92.75. The ra higher than ever before of the school. Last year dictory went to Ida Tay of 88.9, and two years Peabody was valdeictorian of 91.5.

The friends of Charli hand whose mother resid cles street, will be pie that he has successfully period of training at the ing Station, Newport, R. was his first pronounci

. At a banquet given by Adair Bible Class of Chapel the other evening Mrs. John M. Arters we of honor. Mr. Arters w with a very handsome tr and a gold mounted statu Mrs. Arters was receiv beautiful maxonnian set, pastorate at the Rumfo church was completed on day.

The school children of not infested to be hich in showing their patrioti



## RUMFORD

Mrs. George Horton and daughter, Thelma of Waldo street, will leave about May 1st for Worcester, Mass., where Mr. Horton has been employed in a machine shop for some time past. The vacated house on Waldo street will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Green was formerly Miss Gladys Clifford of Mexico. The Equal Suffrage League will meet at the High School building at eight o'clock on the evening of April 24th. The program will be announced later. On May 25 Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingstone will deliver an address at a meeting of the League.

James Kierstead, who has been in Worcester for some time past, has returned to town.

Lawyer Ralph T. Parker has purchased an Overland touring car from the C. E. Britton Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rennie have moved from the Beers house on Hancock street into one of the new houses on Gibson Flats.

John Moran, bell boy at Hotel Rumford, has accepted a similar position at Captain Barker's hotel, "The Barker."

He will assume his duties the first day of May.

Edward Harpe and Edward Sheehan are in Niagara Falls, N. Y., as delegates from the local union to the Paper Makers' Convention.

Mrs. Harry Ladd has accepted a position as clerk in Mann's Bakery.

William Mann is visiting relatives in Chicago, Ill.

Joel McPhee has accepted a position in the store of the C. H. McKendrick Company.

Mrs. A. L. Stanwood is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Partenheimer, in New York City.

Mrs. George Hominy is spending a few weeks with her friend, Mrs. M. D. Guilford, in Lewiston.

The Rallices Brothers, proprietors of the Rumford Candy Kitchen, have received the sad news of the death of their father at his home on the Island of Leaves, Greece. Mr. Rallices had intended coming to Rumford soon to make his home with his sons.

A local branch of the Red Cross Society has been formed in Rumford. Mrs. F. A. Hill is president; Miss Martha Mixer, secretary; Mrs. R. E. Swain, treasurer. The executive committee includes twenty of the town's prominent ladies. The society has been granted the use of the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Institute. The first gift is a check for \$25.00 received from Osgood Eaton Relief Corps.

Postmaster McMenamin has received orders from the Postmaster General not to accept any mail destined for Germany, Austria Hungary and Turkey.

The class parts at Stephens high school have been assigned as follows: Valdeletory, Dorothy Kimball; salutatory, N. Dennis; class essay, Ruth Ostrum; class oration, Arthur Curran; class history, Florence Cornell; presentation of gifts, Arthur Bouffard and John Meahan; address to undergraduates, H. Buff; class history, A. Melanson; class prophecy, B. Becker and M. Meahan; class ode, words, E. Freeman; music, H. Bremick. The class has voted to wear gowns at commencement, these to be hired from New York firms at reasonable rates. The average rank of the valedictorian for the four years was 92.73. The ranks averaged higher than ever before in the history of the school. Last year the valedictorian went to Ida Taylor at a rank of 89.9, and two years ago Ruth Peabody was valedictorian at the rank of 91.5.

The friends of Charles L. Robidoux whose mother resides at 23 Park street, will be pleased to learn that he has successfully completed a period of training at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., and has won his first promotion.

At a banquet given by the Friendly Adult Bible Class of the Virginia Chapel the other evening, Rev. and Mrs. John M. Arters were the guests of honor. Mr. Arters was presented with a very handsome traveling bag and a gold mounted fountain pen, while Mrs. Arters was remembered with a beautiful memento set. Mr. Arters' pastorate at the Rumford Methodist church was completed on Easter Sunday.

The school children of Rumford do not intend to be behind other people in showing their patriotism during the

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present war, so they are planning to help add to the resources of the State and Nation by cultivating home gardens. To make this venture a success, the principals of the several schools and the teachers are busy perfecting plans that will assist materially in this undertaking. They will get information from the Agricultural Department at the University of Maine, which will enable them to advise the children intelligently. The school authorities have engaged Herbert McRobb who will graduate from the agricultural course at the University of Maine this year, to start in the work of supervising home gardens on the 25th of June. Mr. McRobb will handle the children in groups, and besides he will coach these children in baseball. The products of these home gardens will be the property of the girl or boy producing them. It is also suggested that the domestic science rooms of the Stephens high school be used as the location of a canning factory for any surplus products. Mr. McRobb is to take the place of Mr. Henry Johnson, the submaster at the Stephens high school the coming year.

Little Miss Evelyn Rolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rolfe of Franklin street, has been confined to the house for the past month by illness.

Mr. Edward Ambach, who has been employed by the Rumford Falls Power Co., Realty Co. and Light and Water Co., is to resign his position on account of his health, and will go onto a farm for the summer to recuperate.

Mrs. Evelyn Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Abbott, is to spend the coming summer at the summer home of her aunt, Mrs. Eva Salisbury, in Pittsfield, Maine.

Mr. Joseph H. Lempert of the Rumford Jewelry Company has purchased the Robley H. Morrison house on Crescent avenue, and after making some renovations and repairs, will take possession.

The H. P. Cummings Construction Company are dumping rock and earth spoil from the Power Company's canal excavation, near Morse's Mill, widening the approach to the bridge from Franklin street, having several double teams and a big motor truck on the work. It will be a great improvement to what has always been considered a very bad corner for automobiles.

The steel frame work for the new power house is being erected very rapidly by the Cummings Construction Company, and the hum of the riveting hammers can be heard constantly. Some very heavy iron work for the power plant has recently arrived, and calculated near Stanley Bissbee's residence on Lincoln avenue, and will have to be hauled by teams or motor through the streets to the work, as the highway bridges across from the nearest point on the railroad, are not thought to be strong enough to carry the great weight of the various machines.

Walton Lodge, N. of P., of Maine have decided to take action to combat the pestiferous habit of some other organizations to furnish seed, fertilizer, etc. for the raising of crops to exceed anything that has ever been raised in the history of the town before. They will work to obtain all the unused land throughout the town, the payment for which is not to exceed

the amount of taxes upon the land.

Miss Rose Marler, the milliner, is at the hospital suffering with a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. Lucy Moore of Roxbury road is clerking for Mr. Tom Stevens at Mexico Corner.

Mrs. Guy Meader is substituting in the Rumford National Bank.

Miss Anna Hassett of the Rumford National Bank is spending this week in Bellevue Falls, Vermont.

Miss Alice Fassett and the Misses Mary and Ruth Morse, who have been coming at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wesley Clarke on York street, have now taken rooms at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John S. Warren on Penobscot street.

Company B of the 2nd Maine Regiment, National Guard, was called to the colors on Friday morning last by the whistle signal—eight blasts three times in succession—and all in animation and excitement around quarters.

Captain Spaulding Bissbee feels very pleased with the splendid response to the call for enlistments. Industrially Rumford will suffer very much by the withdrawal of so many young men. The Oxford Mill alone will lose fifty men, and so on, and this with the previous shortage in labor is a serious handicap.

Rumford fire department was called at about 8 P. M. Saturday by an alarm from Box 23 for a fire in the stable of Andre LaCroix on Prospect avenue.

The stable was entirely destroyed, and while they succeeded in getting the horses out, quite a little loss was sustained by the burning of some grain which was stored therein. Later in the evening, about ten o'clock, fire broke out once again from the same box, but this time it was Frank Jannacci's banana store house. It is not known how the fire caught.

There will be degree work in Parity Rebekah Lodge on Friday evening, April 20th.

The Altogether Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles T. Eldridge on Knox street on Monday evening, April 23rd.

Mexico Lodge, No. 454, N. E. O. P., met at the home of Warden William S. Kelley on Granite street, Bilboville, on Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss Lena Felt attended a meeting of the New Century Woman's Grange at Buckfield Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. J. E. Wesley Clarke and two daughters, Betty and Barbara, leave on Saturday of this week for Akron, Ohio, where they are to make their future home. They will make short visits enroute, with Mrs. Clarke's sisters, Mrs. Barton of Berlin, N. H., and Mrs. Lee of Newton Mass.

Mrs. C. P. Bryant is to leave town on Saturday of this week to make an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Barton of Berlin, N. H. In the autumn she will join her daughter, Mrs. Clarke in Akron, Ohio, to make her future home.

About twenty of the militia boys of Rumford were sent away on Monday afternoon, five or six being ordered to Augusta, and about sixteen to Norway. Rumford has some thirty or thereabouts more men than is required, and Norway has not the number required of her, therefore some of Rumford's men were sent over to help out in the number from Norway.

## GILBEAD.

Mrs. Ellen Westworth arrived in town last Wednesday from Florida, where she has been spending the winter.

Mrs. Mary Fagan was in Berlin, N. H., recently.

George Carter and party from Norway are spending a few days at their camp here.

Earl Coffin of Rumford spent the week end in town.

Mrs. Colla Wright has returned home from Norway after spending a few days there with relatives.

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Lovejoy of Berlin are spending a few days in town. Harold Moore of Norway was in town last Sunday to attend the funeral of his grandfather, P. M. Coffin.

Alma Heath has gone to Wilton to visit her sister, Mrs. Ida Jewett.

John Richardson was in Gorham, N. H., one day last week.

Perry Hale of Berlin, N. H., was a recent visitor in town.

The many friends of Harlan McLe were sorry to learn of his death which occurred at the St. Louis Hospital in Berlin, N. H., last Friday.

Again is our community called upon to mourn the loss of one of our old and respected citizens, Francis McKinnis Coffin, who passed away at the home of his son, P. H. Coffin, last Friday night. Funeral services were held at the congregational church, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel. Burial took place in the Peabody cemetery.

A. H. Bryant was in Gorham, N. H., last Monday.

Woman's crowning glory is her hair, but she doesn't always sleep in her crown.

When a woman looks in her mirror she is never able to see herself as other women see her.

## WEST PARIS

A large crowd was at the station Monday morning when Rupert Berry, Keith Field and Alanson Cummings, who have enlisted in the Navy, left for their duties. Royal Herriek, Walter Swan and Alton Ripley have enlisted in Co. D, Norway, making six in all who have gone from West Paris for war service.

The drama, "Country Folks," will be repeated on Patriot's Day, April 19, for the benefit of the Belgium sufferers. This play was given in February by the Freshman class of West Paris High school, and was pronounced very good by all who witnessed it and doubtless the class will excel in their second presentation of the play.

Friday evening the men of the Universalist Society and all those favorable to that church will be given a supper preceding the organization of a Men's Club.

Rev. J. J. Hull, State Organizer, spoke at the Universalist church last Thursday afternoon to the ladies who are to organize a Ladies' Club and to the men in the evening. There was a good attendance. Sunday evening Rev. D. A. Ball, pastor at the Universalist church, spoke from the words, "If God be with you who can be against you?" There was a good attendance in the evening. Special music by choir and young girls and a solo by Miss Alice Barden which was greatly enjoyed.

The Good Will Society met with Mrs. D. A. Ball, Wednesday afternoon.

A meeting will be held at Centennial Hall, Wednesday evening for "Preparation." The chairman of committees on different departments for Public Safety have already been appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving French of Newry have been recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adley H. Tuell.

Margaret Tuell is also visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tuell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bowker of Portland spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell.

Mr. Bowker, who is an engineer, is having a vacation.

Lewis M. Mann and Edwin J. Mann have given the use of land in the town for use of the grounds is made on Sunday, and that persons using the grounds conduct themselves civilly.

Mrs. Cora E. Stearns and daughter, Mary, who is a student at Gorham Normal School, are in town. Miss Stearns expects to have an operation on her tonsils while there under the care of her brother, Rafe N. Hatt, a student at Tufts Medical School.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lane, Jr., and daughter, Margaret, Misses Della and Minnie Lane, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Riddon and other friends were at South Paris last week, called there by the death and funeral of Mrs. Lora Shurtlett.

Mrs. C. H. Lane and Mrs. Julia Abbott went at once and remained through the week. The death of Mrs. Shurtlett brings sincere sorrow to a large circle of friends here who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family.

Mrs. George W. Riddon and J. B. Tucker, who have been ill for a long time, are slowly improving.

The remains of Mrs. Gertrude Harding, wife of Alva M. Andrews of St. Wolstock, were brought here Saturday for burial in West Paris cemetery.

Mrs. Andrews was well known here and had many friends who regret her death and extend sympathy to the mourning friends.

Miss Carolyn Gray of South Paris was the guest several days last week of her brother, Dexter W. Gray, and family.

Miss Agnes Gray will return next week to Rangely to resume her teaching.

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Grundy attended the M. E. Conference at Westbrook.

Miss Grace Brock is ill from measles.

Mrs. Maud Mann has broken up housekeeping and has gone to work for the family of Merrill Welch of Norway. Perle is gaining and is with her mother.

Mrs. E. D. Stilwell, who has been ill from an attack of grip, is gaining slowly. Mrs. J. W. Cummings is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis S. Hobbie were in Rumford last week, called there by the illness and death of Mrs. Hobbie's step-mother, Mrs. Gertrude Hobbie.

Mrs. Agnes Pratt has returned home after an absence of several months.

## BRYANT'S POND.

James Ring of this village has recently purchased the Harold Ring place on the Greenwood road near Lake's Mills and will move with his family in a few weeks.

The many friends of Ray Crockett are glad to see him home from the hospital shortly again.

Charles Frode of Canada has been assigned to this station as operator in place of Mark Parkhurst, who has been transferred to Copperville.

C. E. Booth of the firm of William Booth & Son, New York City, was in town last week buying debris.

The selectmen are in session looking



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## ANDOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Otis M. Richardson of Canton were the guests of Fred Smith and family, Sunday.

Nat Campbell has been quite ill. Miss Ethel McAllister has been appointed postmistress of Andover.

Clarence Hall, wife and daughter, Helen, were guests Sunday of W. N. Akers and wife.

The Grange Sewing Circle met this week with Mrs. Dorothy Baker.

John Talbot has gone to Providence, R. I., where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. John Gammon.

Born April 10 to the wife of Homer Richards a son. Ruth Gilman of Rumford is caring for mother and son.

Leater Poor went to the McCarty hospital, Saturday, for treatment.

The Young Peoples' Whist Club was held in the H. and L. Hall, Thursday evening, April 12th. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Harry Poor and Clarence Hall, Walter Jackson and Miss Mattie Cutting getting the consolation prizes.

Mrs. P. E. Leslie has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hill, at Stoughton, Mass., this week.

Alice Andrews has been chosen Supt. of Schools.

Mrs. Willard Newhall entertained a party of ladies, Tuesday afternoon.

The school at No. 4 will commence Monday, April 23rd.

A horse belonging to Irving Akers broke its leg in the stall last week and had to be killed.

Lincoln Dresher entertained the Juvenile Whist Club, Saturday evening at the Hook and Ladder Hall.

Mrs. J. A. Dunning has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Morton, at Concord, N. H.

Mrs. Mary Frost has moved into Walter Barnes' rent.

Ruth Hutchins was the guest of Mary Hewey, Sunday.

The selectmen are in session at their office this week.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening at C. A. Rand's room, by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rand and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Thomas. Sixteen members were present. First prizes were won by Mrs. Y. A. Thurston and Clayton Sweett. Consolation prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ripley. Delicious refreshments were served.

Carpenters are at work on Mrs. Abbie Poor's house.

Owen Lovejoy returned from Bethel, Saturday.

Y. A. Thurston, Clayton Sweett and Harry Thomas returned from a ten days' trip to the eastern part of the State, Wednesday of last week.

The band concert and dance given in the hall, Wednesday evening, April 11, was a success. A box supper was furnished by the young ladies. These boxes were auctioned off by Neal Bodwell. Ice cream and cake also found a ready sale. About \$34 was taken.

Rev. George Graham preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning at the congregational church from the text, "They went to a place called 'Calvary.'" In the evening a large audience was present and enjoyed Underwood & Underwood's illustrations of the songs, "Swanee River," and "My Old Kentucky Home." A flute solo was rendered by Mr. French.

Annie Akers will teach the spring term of school at No. 4.

Y. A. Thurston has been in Portland a few days this week.

Ray Thurston went to Frye, Maine, with six horses to haul supplies to Andover.

Wm. Leonard will have charge of the Sawyer Brook drive.

up the valuation of the village property. The estimate of the timber lands has not been completed and will be continued as soon as the snow is out of the woods.

The foundation has been started for a new house, bungalow style, on the lot just above Odo's hardware store. It is to be built for occupation by the postmaster, Clarence E. Cole.

## COTTONSEED MEAL.

Better Than It Injures Dairy Cattle And Impairs Quality of Butter Not Justified.

The opinion prevalent in some sections that even the moderate feeding of cottonseed meal to dairy cows injures them and is detrimental to the quality of the butter is not justified, according to specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Cottonseed meal, it is said, may be fed for years to dairy cows in properly balanced rations with no ill effect. It contains the highest quantity of protein of all the cow feeds ordinarily found on the market. For that reason it is especially valuable as a means of balancing rations deficient in protein, when corn and corn products or other farm-grown feeds form a large proportion of the cow's feed. It should not be fed in excess at any time. As a rule, 2 to 4 pounds daily are to be considered a good feed in connection with other concentrates and roughage.

A feed sometimes sold on the markets of the South is called "cottonseed-meal feed," which is only a faulty ground mixture of cottonseed hulls and cottonseed meal, and its feeding value is usually very much lower than that of pure cottonseed meal. Prime or choice cottonseed meal analyzes approximately as follows:

Digestible Nutrients in Cottonseed Meal:

Crude Protein	Per cent.
Carbohydrates	37.0
Fat	22.0
	8.6

The cottonseed-meal feed, on the other hand, has no standard analysis and its feeding value depends entirely upon the amount of hulls used in the adulteration. It probably often contains as low as from 15 to 20% crude protein and has not more than half the feeding value of choice meal.

Experiments in feeding of cottonseed meal to dairy cows have been conducted at the agricultural colleges of practically all the Southern States. They are unanimous in reporting that when fed in moderate quantities and in connection with other concentrates ordinarily available on the market, cottonseed meal is the cheapest source of protein to be had. At the South Carolina station, 5 to 6 pounds of cottonseed meal daily in connection with 25 to 30 pounds of corn silage were fed to dairy cows through a long period. The cows thrived and no ill effects from the feed were observed. In fact, they kept in remarkable good condition and were always ready for their feed.

The milk of cows heavily fed on cottonseed meal yields a hard, tallowy butter, light in color and poor in flavor. If, however, a moderate allowance is fed in a properly balanced ration, the quality is not impaired and may even be improved, if the other feeds tend to produce a soft butter.

Since cottonseed meal is a highly nitrogenous heavy feed, it should ordinarily be mixed with other feeds which are bulky and lower in crude protein. A good mixture is equal parts of cottonseed meal and corn and cob meal or cottonseed meal and wheat bran. It is not advisable to feed more than four or five pounds daily under any conditions, although much more has been fed without any perceptible bad effect on the animals. On account of its nutritive effect it is always best to feed it in connection with an ample quantity of succulent roughage, such as silage, roots, or green feeds.

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Dr. King's New Life Pills will remove the accumulated wastes of winter from your intestines, the burden of the blood. Get that sluggish spring fever feeling out of your system, brighten your eye, clear your complexion. Get that vim and snap of good purified healthy blood. Dr. King's New Life Pills are a non-gripping laxative that aids nature's process, try them tonight! At all druggists, etc. Advertisement.

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**SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$255,500.00
Mortgage Loans	429,100.00
Stocks and Bonds	2,228,286.50
Cash in Office and Bank	118,038.91
Agents' Balances	378,553.51
Bills Receivable	27,154.00
Interest and Rents	47,975.58
All other Assets	2,793.82
<b>Grand Assets</b>	<b>\$4,131,993.78</b>
Deficit Items not admitted	26,568.10
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$4,105,425.68</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$241,989.10
Unearned Premiums	2,251,308.10
All other Liabilities	49,184.69
Cash Capital	1,639,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$2,183,748.18
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$4,105,425.68</b>
<b>43 1/2 %</b>	

**GLENN FALLS INSURANCE CO., GLENN FALLS, N. Y.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate	\$635,471.87
Mortgage Loans	1,329,898.00
Collateral Loans	209,898.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,968,838.27
Cash in Office and Bank	821,988.00
Agents' Balances	876,812.73
Interest and Rents	32,977.33
All other Assets	4,309.16
<b>Grand Assets</b>	<b>\$8,182,741.40</b>
Deficit Items not admitted	2,849.73
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$8,179,891.67</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$109,682.00
Unearned Premiums	2,581,898.11
All other Liabilities	304,501.81
Cash Capital	5,283,810.56
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$2,271,810.56
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$8,179,891.67</b>
<b>43 1/2 %</b>	

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## POEMS WORTH READING

### YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG.

By Wilbur D. Nesbitt

Your Flag and my Flag! And oh, how much it holds—  
Your land and my land—secure within its folds!  
Your heart and my heart beat quick-ly at the sight;  
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, red and blue and white.

The one Flag—the great Flag—the Flag for me and you—  
Glorifies all else beside—the red, white and blue!

Your Flag and my Flag! And how it flies today  
In your land and my land and half a world away!

Rose-red and blood-red the stripes forever gleam;  
Bare-white and soul-white—the good forefather's dream;

Sky-blue and true blue, with stars to gleam bright—  
The glorified golden of the day; a shelter through the night.

Your Flag and my Flag! To every star and stripe  
The drums beat as hearts beat and fingers shrilly pipe!

Your Flag and my Flag—a blessing in the sky;  
Your hope and my hope—it never hid a lie!

Home land and far land and half the world around,  
Old Glory bears our glad salute and ripples to the sound!

**CHALLENGE.**  
By Hermann Hagedorn

America, America, where is your march-song gone?  
Who taught your sons to brag and run, who taught your sons to fawn?

Who taught your sons to whine of peace with quaking coward knees,  
And fling in pale to the wolves your hard-won liberties?

America, America, where is your glory fled?  
What of the dreams, what of the deeds, what of the noble dead?

What of the swords that flashed for you, what of the tongues that spoke?  
What of the hearts that bled for you, what of the hearts that broke?

America, America, remember now your dead!  
They cry to you across the night and will not be gainsaid!

Arm, arm, arise, America! Gird on your sword once more!  
The foe is at the harbor mouth, the foe is on your shore!

Awake, arise, America! What cries are in the air?  
Hark, the clear word of Washington! The call of Lincoln there!

Cleveland, and there, John Hancock! There, Adams, Webster, Clay!  
There Patrick Henry! There John Brown! There, Jackson, Lee, John Hay!

Arise, America! Your dead cry out to you, arise!  
Grant, Schuyler, Marshall, Marston! The brave call and the wise!

Paul Jones, Decatur, Perry! McDonough of Champlain!  
Arise, America, and stand! A race of men again!

You were not meant to cringe, you were not made to quail!  
You were not set, a lamp for men, to stare and gawp and fall!

By God, we did not give our blood to set your light on high,  
Only to see a craven band stalkfully let it die!

No, by the God we honor! To Whom alone we bow!  
We did not die for Freedom then, to let her perish now!

Arm, arm, arise America! Put by the craven dead!  
We come, we come to the colors! We come, the invincible dead!

Arm, arm, arise! For your dead cannot sleep in the old, green graves!  
Timely cries, imperious! And we dead rise up from the waves!

Too ghastly looked each villain boy who striven for Liberty!  
Arm, arm, arise, America! Heart of my land, be true!

As end of words and battle! As end of death and shame!  
Hark, how the old brave ghosts to doubtful deeds have come!

If you are coward, perish! But if you are men, then fight!  
As we—  
**PATRIOTIC HYMN.**  
By John Cleveland Whitaker.  
Our Father's God! From out, where land

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## FIRE WARDENS.

Those Recently Appointed in Oxford and Franklin Counties.

Hon. Forest H. Colby of Bingham, the State forest commissioner, today announced the appointment of the fire wardens for Oxford and Franklin counties as follows:

Silas F. Peaslee of Upton: Township three, ranges three and four; township two, range two; Rangeley Plantation; township four, Washington Plantation; Perkins; township D, range one; township E, township six, north of Weld; Sandy River; township A, range one; Andover North Surplus; Andover West Surplus; township C; C Surplus; township four, range one, two and three; Magalloway Plantation; Lincoln Plantation; township five, range three; townships four and five, range four; townships four and five, range five; township four, range six. C. C. Murphy of Rangeley: All unincorporated townships in the Maine Forestry District on Androscoggin water in Maine; Dallas Plantation. S. S. Lockyer of Berlin, N. H.: Maine Forestry District in Oxford, Franklin and Somerset counties.

Frank King of Oquossoc: All unincorporated townships in the Maine Forestry District on Androscoggin waters in Maine.

**Deputy Wardens.**  
Isaac Raymond of Madrid: Letter E and No. 6, north of Weld.  
Sidney C. Harlow of Rangeley: Sandy River Plantation.  
G. E. Allen of Middle Dam: Letter C; townships four and five, range one, Oxford county.

C. O. Tremont of Ketchikan: Riley Plantation.  
M. R. Hastings of Hastings: Hatchelder's Grant.  
Herman Blackwell of Dallas: Dallas Plantation.

J. Lewis York of Rangeley: West one half of Dallas; southwest part of Lang, southeast part of Davis.  
D. E. Lamb of Rangeley: Township three, range one.

George E. Learned of Andover: C and C Surplus; Andover North and East Surplus.  
B. H. Corey of Rangeley: Deputy under C. C. Murphy, chief warden.

Charles Hantson of Rangeley: Deputy under C. C. Murphy, chief warden.  
W. A. Cobb of Wilson's Mills: Parkmeadow; Lyack and Parker townships; Lincoln Plantation; township four, range five; township four, range six.

J. Claude Thomas of Sanford: Letter D; Letter E.  
Dana Blodgett of Haines Landing: Deputy for the Rangeley Region; under C. C. Murphy, chief warden.

William Tibbette of Rangeley: Township three, range two; township three, range three; township three, range four; township four, range four.  
Charles Nile of Dallas: Dallas Plantation.

**THE RIDGELY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Stocks and Bonds	\$182,261.55
Cash in Office and Bank	57,608.81
Interest and Rents	8,152.78
<b>Grand Assets</b>	<b>\$248,023.14</b>
Deficit Items not admitted	36,898.76
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$211,124.38</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$75,108.40
Unearned Premiums	\$4,119.07
All other Liabilities	12,941.83
Cash Capital	160,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$89,055.88
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$211,124.38</b>

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## CARE OF THE SITTING HEN.

The sitting hen, which is used most generally for incubation purposes on the farm should receive a certain amount of care and attention during the process of hatching eggs. To a great extent the care given a sitting hen plays an important part on the number and condition of the chicks when hatched. With this end in view, the poultry specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture make the following suggestions:

If several hens are sitting in the same room, see that they are kept on the nests, allowing them to come off only once a day to receive food and water, or both. If there are any that do not desire to come off themselves, they should be taken off. Hens usually return to their nests before there is any danger of the eggs chilling, but if they do not go back in half an hour in ordinary weather, they should be put on the nest. Where a large number of sitters are kept in one room it is advisable to let them off in groups of from 4 to 6 at a time. The eggs and nests should be examined and cleaned, removing all broken eggs and washing those that are soiled; in the latter case the soiled nesting material should be removed and clean straw added. Nests containing broken eggs that the hen is allowed to sit on soon become infested with mites and lice, which cause the hens to become uneasy and leave the nest, often causing the loss of valuable sittings of eggs.

In mite-infested nests, the hen, if fastened in, will often be found standing over rather than sitting on the eggs. Many eggs that are laid in the late winter and early spring are infertile. For this reason it is advisable to set several hens at the same time. After the eggs have been under the hens from 5 to 7 days, the time depending somewhat on the color and thickness of the shells—white-shelled eggs being easier to test than those having brown shells—they should be tested, the infertile eggs and dead germs removed, and the fertile eggs put back under the hen. In this way it is often possible to put all the eggs that several hens originally started to sit on under fewer hens and reset the others. For example, 30 eggs are set under 3 hens at the same time, 10 under each. At the end of 7 days we find on testing the eggs from all the hens that 10 are infertile, which leaves us 20 eggs to reset, which we do by putting them under 2 hens, and have the remaining hen sit over again after she has sat only 7 days. In this way considerable time can be saved in one's hatching operations.

**TESTING EGGS FOR FERTILITY.**  
An egg, whether impregnated or not, has a small grayish spot on the surface of the yolk known as the "germinal spot." As soon as a fertile egg is placed under a hen, or in an incubator, development begins. All eggs should be tested at least twice during the period of incubation, preferably on the seventh and fourteenth days, and the infertile eggs and dead germs removed. While eggs can be tested on the fourth or fifth day, while the development in eggs having brown shells often can not be seen by the use of an ordinary egg tester until the seventh day. Dead germs soon decay and give off a bad odor if allowed to remain under the hen. Infertile eggs make good feed for young chickens, and are often used in the home for culinary purposes. Most incubator companies furnish testing chimneys with their machines which will fit ordinary lamps. Electric or gas lamps may be used in a box with a hole slightly smaller than an egg cut in the side of the box and at the same level as the light. They may also be tested by sunlight, or daylight, using a shutter or curtain with a small hole in it for the light to shine through.

A good homemade egg tester, or candler, can be made with a large shoe box, or any box that is large enough to go over a lamp, by removing the end and cutting a hole a little larger than the size of a quarter in the bottom of the box, so that when it is set over a kerosene lamp the hole in the bottom will be opposite the blaze. A hole the size of a silver dollar should be cut in the top of the box to allow the heat to escape.

The eggs are tested with the large end up, so that the size of the air cell may be seen as well as the condition of the embryo. The testing should take place in a dark room. The infertile egg when held before the small hole will look perfectly clear, the same as a fresh one, while a fertile egg will show a small dark spot, known as the embryo, with a mass of little blood veins extending in all directions. If the embryo is living; if dead, and the egg has been incubated for at least 16 hours, the blood settles away from the embryo toward the edges of the yolk, forming in some cases an irregular circle of blood, known as a blood ring. Eggs vary in this respect, some showing only a streak of blood. All infertile eggs should be removed at the first test. The eggs containing

## WHAT CAN THE FARMER DO TO HELP NEW ENGLAND?

Farmers throughout New England want to "do their bit." How can they best do this? They can co-operate to the greatest extent in the matter of Preparedness, by planting the largest possible acreage of staple food crops this year. Without question THIS COUNTRY should furnish as much food as possible to its Allies in Europe who are now at war. NEW ENGLAND must therefore produce more than heretofore, or possibly find itself in actual want.

The beginning of the war found England and Wales with 40.8% of the land in pasture, whereas in Germany only 3.2% was devoted to such uses. In England and Wales 69 acres in every 100 were in grass and clover, whereas in Germany the number of acres devoted to these crops was only 32 in every 100. Had it not been for this Germany could not now be feeding her people. New England and the whole country should profit by these facts.

The following are a few suggestions to the farmers of New England, which we feel will be acceptable at this time: Grow cereals and those crops which can be dried or stored throughout the winter. THIS IS urged particularly for the reason that there is likely to be a shortage of cans for domestic canning purposes.

Grow to full maturity and in large quantities all varieties of beans. Grow all varieties of beans. (The following are recommended by practical growers.)

Early Bush—like Bountiful Early. Late Bush—like Refugee. Pole Beans—like Kentucky Wonder; Pole Horticultural.

Field Beans—like Kidney, Pea, Yellow Eye, and Bush Horticultural. Where threshing machines are obtainable, sow Spring Rye on the lighter sandy or gravelly loam soils. This crop should be followed by another crop of Winter Rye, to be sown from the middle of August to the 10th of September.

On heavier soils sow Spring Wheat, Oats, and Barley, to be followed by Winter Wheat, particularly in Southern New England. On lighter, poorer soils Barley can be grown to advantage, allowing it to ripen its seed, to be used as buckwheat flour and for poultry food. Plant sunflowers in all waste places for seed purposes. The seed is rich in oil and an excellent poultry food. By these means more wheat, corn, and rye can be conserved for human food.

In all of New England, Oats, Barley, and Wheat can be sown to advantage. If Barley and Wheat are grown on acid soils, the land must be limed as well as fertilized. Oats succeed fairly well on acid soils, and Rye and Indian Corn even better.

In Central and Southern New England raise all the Flint Field Corn which can be produced. In the event of a shortage of food, corn meal will be a very important staple.

(NOTE.)—We earnestly urge in planting corn that the seed of each ear be tested before planting, to guard against mixing or weak stalks; and that in planting potatoes the seed be treated with corrosive sublimate solution or formalin before cutting, to prevent rot. Early and thorough spraying with combined insecticide and fungicide to destroy insects and to prevent blight should not be neglected.

Fertilizer should be used, to feed the crops and hasten maturity. Our object is to urge the farmers to grow staple products for next winter, leaving the growing of more perishable vegetables to others. Farmers can grow onions, potatoes, parsnips, carrots, beets, cabbage, turnips, squash, and similar crops to advantage, all of which can be stored successfully for the greater part of the winter.



# Too Many Operations

The Right Medicine in Many Cases Does Better than the Surgeon's Knife. Tribute to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Of course there are many serious cases that only a surgical operation will relieve. We freely acknowledge this, but the above letters, and many others like them, amply prove that many operations are recommended when medicine in many cases is all that is needed.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

## RAISING TURKEYS.

The King of Poultry.

By G. E. Conkey.

The turkey may well be called the king of all poultry, for it has come into general use for Thanksgiving and for holiday feasts. It is one of America's best contributions to the list of domestic fowls.

Turkey raising is something of a specialty and requires a little different system from that of raising ordinary domestic fowls, but this difference is not such as should discourage anyone from making an attempt with them. With a little study of their habits and needs together with good common sense they should make a profitable side line on the average farm.

## FAVORABLE NATURAL CONDITIONS.

Turkeys adapt themselves easily to various climates and can be raised successfully in any part of the country. But they unquestionably do best when the land is well drained, the soil not damp nor heavy and when there is plenty of natural shelter for them. The natural shelter is necessary since they must live almost entirely in the open.

## VARIETIES.

The common varieties of turkeys in this country are the Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black, Slate and Bourbon Red.

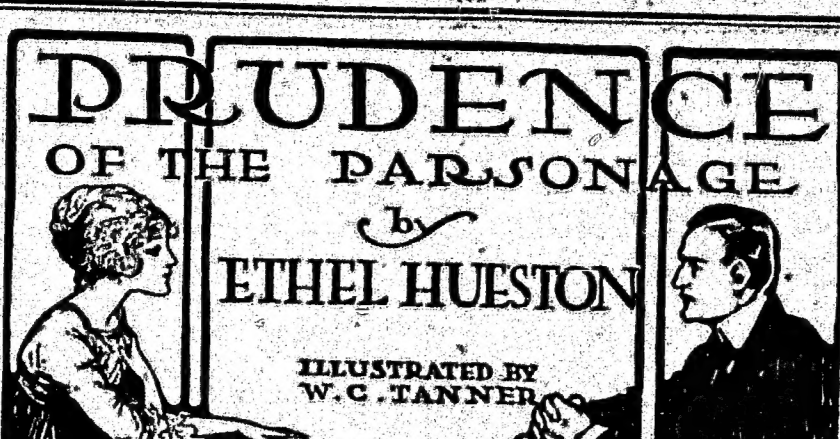
By far the most popular seems to be the Bronze, which is a cross of the Black (the English Norfolk turkey) with the original wild bird of this country. The Bronze is the largest and perhaps the hardiest of all the varieties. Next to it in size, probably next to it in popularity also, is the Narragansett—a cross with the American wild turkey, but with more Mexican wild turkey blood added, giving the mixture of white in the bronze and black plumage.

## THE GOOD STOCK.

To start right with good, healthy stock is of the greatest importance in turkey raising. Carelessness here is sure to mean discouraging results. So select vigorous males and females mating each with about five mature hens, those that are unsuitably large. Make sure always that the hens are also strong and vigorous. Some successful breeders consider eight to twelve hens a good proportion to each tom. Two year old hens make better breeders than the younger females, the egg being larger and points from their stronger.

Turkey stock quickly shows bad of feet from inbreeding and the only way to keep up the constitutional vigor of the birds is to introduce new ones.

Timbered lands, where there is not much underbrush, is the best for raising young poultry. Pasture land, where the grass is short and there is plenty of weeds to be picked up is also good. A flock of turkeys would benefit any



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## PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE

by ETHEL HUESTON

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. Carol, one of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies Aid society while Lark, Carol and Connie practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.—The twins prepare Conscience for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V.—When Fairy entertains Eugene Stabler in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that etiquette has small place in the Starr family.

CHAPTER VI.—Connie practices economy for initiation into her own secret society with results unexpected to herself.

CHAPTER VII.—Prudence captures a "star" and wins \$50 reward.

CHAPTER VIII.—Prudence takes an early morning bicycle jaunt and rides into a mud, a sprained ankle and a romance. The knight of romance is Jerrid Hamner.

CHAPTER IX.—When Prudence is brought home Father Starr reads the Bible awakened her from her actions and his own heart is heavy.

CHAPTER X.—Jerrid visits the parsonage and frankly tells Mr. Starr he intends to win Prudence.

CHAPTER XI.—After a golden summer Prudence contents to marry Jerrid only to send him away for ever the next morning when she remembers her duty to her father and sisters.

"Oh!" Fairy's voice was noncommittal. "When is he coming back?" "He isn't coming back. Please hurry, Fairy, and call the others. The outburst is ready."

Fairy went soberly up the stairs, ostensibly to call her sisters.

"Girls," she began, carefully closing the door of their room behind her. "Jerry has gone, and isn't coming back any more. And for goodness' sake, don't keep asking questions about it. Just eat your breakfast as usual, and have a little talk."

"A lovers' quarrel," suggested Lark, her eyes glittering greedily.

"Nothing of the sort. And don't keep staring at Prue, either. And don't keep talking about Jerry all the time. You mind me, or I will tell papa."

"That's funny," said Carol thoughtfully. "We saw them kissing each other like cats in the back yard last night—and this morning he has gone to return no more. They are crazy!"

"Kiss! In the back yard! What are you talking about?"

Carol explained, and Fairy looked still more thoughtful and perturbed.

She opened the door, and called out to them in a loud and breezy voice: "Hurry, girls, for breakfast is ready, and there's no time to waste in a parsonage on Sunday morning." Then she added in a whisper, "And don't you mention Jerry, and don't ask Prudence what makes her so pale, or you'll catch it!"

Then she went to her father's door. "Breakfast is ready, p. p.," she called clearly. She turned the knob softly, and peeped in. "May I come in a minute?" Standing close beside him, she told him all she knew of what had happened.

"Prudence is ghastly, father, just ghastly. And she can't talk about it yet, so be careful what you say, will you?"

And it was due to Fairy's kindly admonitions that the parsonage family took the departure of Jerry so calmly. That was the beginning of Prudence's bitter winter, when the brightest sunshine was cheerless and dreary, and when even the laughter of her sisters smote harshly upon her ears. She tried to be as always, but in her eyes the wounded look lingered, and her face grew so pale and thin that her father and Fairy, anxiously watching, were filled with grave concerns. She remained almost constantly in the parsonage, reading very little, sitting most of her leisure time staring out the window.

Fairy had tried to win her confidence, and had failed.

"You are a 'telling' Fairy, but I really do not want to talk about it. Oh, no, indeed, it is all my own fault. I told him to go, and not come again. No, you are wrong, Fairy, I do not regret it. I do not want him to come any more."

Mr. Starr, too, had tried. "Prudence," he said gently, "you know very often men do things that to women seem wrong and wicked. And maybe they are! But men and women are different by nature, my dear, and we must remember that. I have satisfied myself that Jerry is good, and clean, and worthy. I do not think you should let any foolishness of his in the past come between you now."

"You are mistaken, father. Jerry is all right, and always was. I am sure. It is nothing like that. I told him to go, and not to come again. That is all."

"But if he should come back now—"

"It would be just the same. Don't worry about it, father. It's all right."

"Prudence," he said, more tenderly, "I have been thinking of what he said. He said he was the closest of friends to you. He said he was the closest of friends to you."

"The big mistake, didn't we, Lark?" "Did you send him anything, Prue?" Prudence hesitated, and answered without the slightest accession of color. "Yes, Carol. I had my picture taken when I was in Burlington, and sent it to him."

"Your picture! Oh, Prudence! Where are they? Aren't you going to give us one?"

"No, Carol. I had only one made—for Jerry. There aren't any more."

"Well," sighed Lark resignedly, "it's a pretty idea for my book, anyhow."

From that day on Prudence always wore the sparkling ring—and the women of the Methodist church nearly had mental paralysis marvelling over a man who gave a diamond ring and never came a-wooing! And a girl who accepted and wore his offering, with nothing to say for the man! And it was the consensus of opinion in Mount Mark that modern lovers were mostly crazy, anyhow!

And springtime came again.

Now the twins were always original in their amusements. They never followed blindly after the dictates of custom. And when other girls played "catch" with dainty rubber balls, the twins took unto themselves a big and

heavy croquet ball—found in the Avery woodshed. To be sure, it stung and bruised their hands. What matter! At any rate, they continued endangering their lives and beauties by reckless pitching of the ungainly plaything.

One Friday evening after school they were amusing themselves on the parsonage lawn with this huge ball. When their father turned in, they ran up to him with a sporting proposition.

"Get you a nickel, papa," cried Carol, "that you can't throw this ball as far as the schoolhouse woodshed by the way, will you lend me a nickel, papa?"

If he took the ball and weighed it lightly in his hand, "I'm an anti-betting society," he declared, laughing, "but I very strongly believe it will carry to the schoolhouse woodshed. If it does not, I'll give you five cents worth of candy tomorrow. And if it does, you shall put an extra nickel in the collection next Sunday."

Then he drew back his arm and carefully sighted across the lawn. "I'll send it right between the corner of the house and that little cedar," he said, and then, bending low, it whizzed from his hand.

Lark screamed, and Carol sank fainting to the ground. For an instant Mr. Starr himself stood awaying. Then he rushed across the lawn. For Prudence had opened the front door and stepped quickly out on the walk by the corner of the house. The heavy ball struck her on the forehead and she fell heavily, without a moan.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### Fate Takes Charge.

For hours Prudence lay unconscious, with four doctors in close attendance. Fairy, alert but calm, was at hand to give them service.

It is a significant thing that in bitter anguish and grief, Christians find comfort and peace in prayer. Outsiders, as well as Christians, pray in times of danger and mental stress, and pray, and pray again, and continue still in the agony and passion of grief and fear. And yet they pray. But Christians pray, and find confidence and serenity. Sorrow may remain, but anguish is stilled.

Mount Mark considered this a unique parsonage family. Their liveliness, their gaiety, their love of fun, seemed a little inappropiate in the setting of a Methodist parsonage.

They ain't sanctimonious enough by half," declared old Harvey Reel, the bus driver. "But, by Jingo! I tell you they are dead!"

But as a matter of fact, every one of the family, from Connie up, had a characteristic parsonage heart. When they were worried, or frightened, or grieved, they prayed. Fairy passing up the stairs with hot water for the doctors, whispered to her father as he turned in to his own room, "Keep on praying, father. I can't stop now, because they need me. But I'm praying every minute between errands!" And Mr. Starr, kneeling beside his bed, did pray—and the story deepens in his eyes died out, and he came from the little room, quiet, and confident, and calm.

Connie, looking at a picture of her father, "Prue for Prudence," she said, "we saw him and his wife when Connie visited him out of

door of the dungeon, and was sitting place! So she turned in at once, and in the farthest and darkest corner, she knelt on the hard floor and prayed, and sobbed herself to sleep.

Lark remained loyally with Carol until consciousness returned to her. As soon as she was able to walk, the two went silently to the barn, and climbed into the much-loved haymow. There they lay flat on the hay, faces downward, each with an arm across the other's shoulder, praying fervently. After a time they rose and crept into the house where they waited patiently until Fairy came down on one of her numerous errands.

"Is she better?" they whispered. And Fairy answered gently, "I think she is a little better." Then the twins, in no way deceived, went back to the haymow again.

Fairy prepared a hearty supper, and arranged it on the kitchen table. She drank a cup of hot coffee, and went in search of her father. "Go and eat, daddy," she urged. But he shook his head.

"I am not hungry, but send the girls to the table at once."

On their next trip into the house, Fairy stopped the twins. "Get Connie and eat your supper. It's just a cold lunch, and is already on the kitchen table. You must help yourselves—I can't come now."

The twins did not speak, and Fairy went hurriedly up the stairs once more. "I do not think I can eat," said Carol. "We'd better take away about half of this food, and hide it. Then she will think we have already eaten."

This novel plan was acted upon with promptitude and the twins went back to the haymow. When it grew dark they slipped into the kitchen and hid, died together on the wooden boards beside the stove. And down to them presently came Fairy, smiling, her eyes tear-brightened.

"She is better!" cried Carol, springing to her feet.

"Yes," said Fairy, dropping on her knees and burying her face in Lark's lap, as she still sat on the woodbox. "She's better. She is better." Lark patted the heaving shoulders in a motherly way, and when Fairy lifted her face again it was all serene, though her lashes were wet.

"She is conscious," said Fairy, still on her knees, but with her head thrown back, and smiling. "She regained consciousness a little while ago. There is really nothing serious the matter. It was a hard knock, but it missed the temple. When she became conscious, she looked up at father and smiled. Father looked perfectly awful, twins, so pale, and his lips were trembling. And Prudence said, 'Now, father, on your word of honor, did you knock me down with that ball on purpose?' She spoke very low and weak, but—just like Prudence! Father couldn't say a word; he just nodded, and gulped. She has a little fever, and the doctors say we may need to work with her part of the night. Father said to ask if you would go to bed now, so you can get up early in the morning and help us. I am to stay with Prudence tonight, but you may have to take turns in the morning. And you'll have to get breakfast, too. So father thinks you would better go to bed. Will you do that, twinnies?"

"Will we?" And Carol added, "Will you kiss Prudence good night for us, and tell her we kept praying all the time? Prudence is such a great hand for praying, you know."

Fairy promised, and the twins crept upstairs. It was dark in their room. "Well! undress in the dark so as not to awake poor little Connie," whispered Lark. "It's nice she can sleep like that, isn't it?"

And the twins went to bed, and fell asleep after a while, never doubting that Connie, in her corner of the room, was already safe and happy in the oblivion of slumber.

But poor Connie! She had not wakened when Fairy closed the dungeon door. It was long afterward when she sat up and began rubbing her eyes. She did not know where she was. Then she remembered! She wondered if Prudence—she scrambled to her feet, and trotted over to the dungeon door. It was locked; she could not turn the knob. At first she thought of screaming and pounding on the door. "But that will arouse Prudence, and frighten her, and maybe kill her!" she thought wretchedly. "I'll just keep still until someone passes."

But no one passed for a long time, and Connie stretched her aching body and sobbed, worrying about Prudence, fearful on her own account. She had no idea of the time. She supposed it was still early. And the parsonage was deathly quiet. Maybe Prudence had died! Connie writhed in agony on the hard floor, and gnashed bitterly. Still she would not rattle pounding on the dungeon door.

Upstairs, in the front room, Prudence was wrestling with fever. Higher and higher it rose, until the doctors looked very anxious. They held a brief consultation in the corner of the room. Then they looked to Mr. Starr.

"Has Prudence been worrying about something this winter?"

"Yes, she has."

"Is it that young man, isn't it?" inquired the family doctor—a Methodist member.

"Yes."

"Can you bring him here?"

"Yes—so soon as he can get here from Des Moines."

"You'd better do it. She has been herself down nearly to the point of prostration. We think we can break this fever without serious consequences, but we must have him here. I'll be glad to see him and make arrangements for his stay."

"I'll go for Prudence," said Harvey Reel.

## And Springtime Came Again.

heavy croquet ball—found in the Avery woodshed. To be sure, it stung and bruised their hands. What matter! At any rate, they continued endangering their lives and beauties by reckless pitching of the ungainly plaything.

One Friday evening after school they were amusing themselves on the parsonage lawn with this huge ball. When their father turned in, they ran up to him with a sporting proposition.

"Get you a nickel, papa," cried Carol, "that you can't throw this ball as far as the schoolhouse woodshed by the way, will you lend me a nickel, papa?"

If he took the ball and weighed it lightly in his hand, "I'm an anti-betting society," he declared, laughing, "but I very strongly believe it will carry to the schoolhouse woodshed. If it does not, I'll give you five cents worth of candy tomorrow. And if it does, you shall put an extra nickel in the collection next Sunday."

Then he drew back his arm and carefully sighted across the lawn. "I'll send it right between the corner of the house and that little cedar," he said, and then, bending low, it whizzed from his hand.

Lark screamed, and Carol sank fainting to the ground. For an instant Mr. Starr himself stood awaying. Then he rushed across the lawn. For Prudence had opened the front door and stepped quickly out on the walk by the corner of the house. The heavy ball struck her on the forehead and she fell heavily, without a moan.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### Fate Takes Charge.

For hours Prudence lay unconscious, with four doctors in close attendance. Fairy, alert but calm, was at hand to give them service.

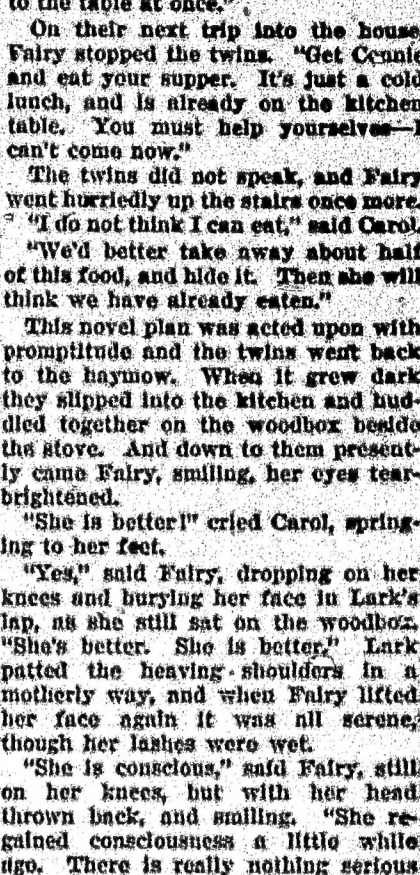
It is a significant thing that in bitter anguish and grief, Christians find comfort and peace in prayer. Outsiders, as well as Christians, pray in times of danger and mental stress, and pray, and pray again, and continue still in the agony and passion of grief and fear. And yet they pray. But Christians pray, and find confidence and serenity. Sorrow may remain, but anguish is stilled.

Mount Mark considered this a unique parsonage family. Their liveliness, their gaiety, their love of fun, seemed a little inappropiate in the setting of a Methodist parsonage.

They ain't sanctimonious enough by half," declared old Harvey Reel, the bus driver. "But, by Jingo! I tell you they are dead!"

But as a matter of fact, every one of the family, from Connie up, had a characteristic parsonage heart. When they were worried, or frightened, or grieved, they prayed. Fairy passing up the stairs with hot water for the doctors, whispered to her father as he turned in to his own room, "Keep on praying, father. I can't stop now, because they need me. But I'm praying every minute between errands!" And Mr. Starr, kneeling beside his bed, did pray—and the story deepens in his eyes died out, and he came from the little room, quiet, and confident, and calm.

Connie, looking at a picture of her father, "Prue for Prudence," she said, "we saw him and his wife when Connie visited him out of



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## GRANGE NEWS.

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1st Scene, a tableau, Mother Maine and the State Seal.

2nd scene, the reception. Entrance, song, (original).

The feature included counties of Maine and representatives from official circles and grandchildren. A real tribute to Maine.

Capt. Jackson: "The Grange," with Mr. and Mrs. Way.

Back among the spectators. About there were several kinds of animals (attitude) and clowns too. Ida Merrill played.

Capt. Abbott: A drill by volunteers, with Uncle Sam approving. A new poem by Mrs. Annie Goodwin, preceded the tableau, which was followed by an illustrated patriotic song.

March, America. Capt. Jackson: Easter Recreations.

Tableau, "Hills of Easter," with song, "Easter Lullies," and angels at back of stage. Entrance, Marched hymn, and a reading. A fine production.

Capt. Abbott: George Paper, the official Grange Organ. "Great's Waste Basket." Rt. Honorable, Mrs. Beale Deane and Mrs. Kate Deane. A great many subjects were touched upon which were of much interest.

Entrance, Pairs, "The Visiting Woman Minister."

Capt. Jackson: Illustrations of songs, sayings, and people, in several minutes tableaux.

Marched, singing, songs, verses. Musical, speaking to pantomime.

Edith Kightley, reader. Capt. Abbott:

Four tableaux—depicted on the "Hills of Bethel," which embodied the beautiful story of "The Grange." The tableaux were: "The Grange," "The Grange," "The Grange," "The Grange."

"Hanging in the Grange," "The Grange," "The Grange," "The Grange."

The sick were reported as comfortable. The worthy lecturer announced that the worthy state lecturer, C. O. Perkins, would meet with Norway Grange on May 20. Further notice will be given in regard to arrangements.

The next meeting will be on April 28, an all day session, picnic dinner. The first and second degrees will be conferred in the forenoon. Meeting to open at 10 A. M. Minutes read and approved. Closed in form.

A communication was also read in regard to "Bird Houses," and offering of prizes connected therewith. Oxford Grange meets with Pleasant Valley Grange, May 1.

## BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange held its regular meeting Apr. 12. Officers absent at roll-call were: Treasurer, Chaplain and Lady Assistant Steward. It was voted to co-operate with Mr. Byram in regard to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and to extend the use of the hall in all possible ways. The following program was given:

Opening Song. Choir Topic—"Are we raising potatoes to the exclusion of other more profitable crops?" Opened by Levi Bartlett and Byron Cummings.

Best Preparation for Spraying. Horace Mason. Ida Packard.

Reading. "To what extent can time be profitably used upon the farm?" Discussed by A. P. Copeland, Levi Bartlett, Byron Cummings.

Reading. Mary Allen. Lizzie Morse.

Bean contest in charge of Mrs. Morse. Ida Packard won the prize.

Closing Piece, "Star Spangled Banner."

The next meeting will be April 26.

## WEST TARRS GRANGE.

West Tarrs Grange held an all day meeting, Saturday. A box dinner was enjoyed at noon. On account of the bad travelling and other conditions the attendance was rather small but the meeting proved very interesting.

Patriotic music was interspersed throughout the program. The worthy Master, Adney R. Tuell, read the story of the flag and suggested that if the Grange men of the Grange would erect the flag pole that he would present the flag to the Grange.

The Grange gave a salute to the flag and for the boys that were seen to leave for the navy. Hall said, "What shall I plant and grow for the county exhibit?" Topic, "Home mistakes I made in my farming last year," by the Brothers. "Some mistakes I made with my hens and raising early chickens and work in the garden," by the Sisters.

Dr. Hale's Household Ointment. It is used for the prompt relief of eczema, skin itching, hemorrhoids, etc. It stops the pain and the itching process begins at once. Recommended by physicians. Sold by Druggists and Grocers. Keep on hand. Dr. Hale's Household Ointment, Adams, N. Y.

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## GOOD YEAR NEEDED BY POTATO GROWERS.

Average Price During Term of Years Shows Grower Finds High Market Rarely.

Some have branded the present price of potatoes as a conspiracy either by the growers or the middlemen.

True it is that potatoes are bringing a greater price today than in any year since the Civil War, but that there is a conspiracy does not seem to be borne out by the facts, for there seems to have been a combination of circumstances that has produced the situation to make the lowly tuber a luxury. First there was a light crop last year except in the Aroostook, where weather conditions favored the growing of the crop; secondly, there was the damage to the crop after it had matured on the field; thirdly, inability to import stock; fourthly, the recent destruction of the greater part of the Southern crop; fifthly, ear short-

age. New York is usually the banner potato state, but last year its crop fell off about fifty per cent, and was not much larger than the Aroostook crop, that totaled 23,000,000 bushels. These are a few of the reasons why the Maine potato grower, and especially the grower in the Aroostook, may be classed among the nabobs.

Are the growers entitled to the well nigh prohibitive prices? Should they market the potatoes at a fair rather than a fictitious value? To answer these questions C. E. Embree, who is well known as the promoter of the Farmer's Union in Maine, has contributed an article for the press, in which he asserts that the business of growing potatoes has been less attractive every year, thus causing the acreage to be smaller every year. In order to ascertain how much money the farmer has made in growing potatoes he goes back twenty-two years and gives the net price paid the farmer in the following table:

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## PATRIOTIC NOTES.

The first demonstration of patriotism was shown in the village last Friday afternoon when a number of people turned out to escort the boys who had enlisted to the station. A fine and drum corps headed the procession which formed in front of the post office and with flags flying the boys were given a good send off.

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